

REMARKS1. Status of the Claims

Claims 33-60, 85-91, and 100-153 are pending in the present application. Claims 33-60 and 141-150 read on the elected invention of claim Group I.

2. Elections of Species Made With Traverse

The election of a species of accessory molecule was made with traverse for the following reasons. More than one different accessory molecule can be used at the same time in the practice of the claimed invention (see, e.g., page 17, lines 9-16 of specification (WO 97/46256)). Furthermore, the use of accessory molecules for activating T cells was well known in the art at the time the application was filed and it was understood that one accessory molecule could be substituted for another in the activation of T cells. Therefore, the present requirement for an election of a species of accessory molecule is inappropriate because the requirement denies Applicants the right to claim the entire scope of their invention to which they are entitled.

The election of a species of costimulatory molecule was made with traverse for the same reasons as above for an accessory molecule because a costimulatory molecule is a type of accessory molecule (see, e.g., page 21, lines 5-8). Therefore, the present requirement for an election of a species of costimulatory molecule is inappropriate because the requirement denies Applicants the right to claim the entire scope of their invention to which they are entitled.

CONCLUSION

If there are any additional fees (or overpayments) associated with this Response, or any Response associated with this application, the Director is hereby authorized to charge (or credit) our Deposit Account No. 19-0962.

Respectfully submitted,

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